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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 2 with the word "Nanoparticles" and ends on line 5 with the word "2.93" with the following amended paragraph:

Nanoparticles of the invention comprise Ti/Sb mixed oxide. Typically, the weight ratio of ~~antimony-titanium~~ to ~~titanium-antimony~~ in the nanoparticles is in the range of about 0.14 to about 11.30, desirably in the range of from about 0.22 to about 5.02, and more desirably in the range of from about 0.42 to about 2.93.